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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Member of Congress
2446 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4902

Dear Representative Baldwin:

On behalf of Madison Metro Transit, I request your support for funding in the 2010 appropriations process for diesel/electric hybrid buses.

We are requesting that funds be provided in the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Program – an authorized SAFETEA-LU discretionary program. Bus capital funding for Wisconsin is critical because most Wisconsin transit systems have no other funding options for capital needs. FTA formula programs have historically not provided enough funding to meet the state's capital needs.

Attached is the request that Wisconsin DOT submitted to the House Appropriations Committee earlier this month, updated to identify our best estimate of funding for this capital purchase from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The total project cost is \$9.7 million. Madison Metro has requested \$9.5 million in funding from ARRA. We expect Madison's request to be approved by FTA, leaving a new project cost of \$194,000. As the Bus Capital program requires a 20 percent local match, our new project request for Madison Metro is **\$155,000**. Any amount you can provide will be helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank J. Busalacchi".

Frank J. Busalacchi
Secretary

Attachment